

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and an apparatus for searching and displaying a structured document are disclosed. The process for document registration is executed with a structured document of a file as an input. An analyzed structured document and information for document search are generated, and are stored in data bases, respectively. A query input from an input/output unit is analyzed, a document search index is read and a search process is executed. Matching document identifier information and matching strings position information are output as the result of search. In the display process, a corresponding analyzed structured document is read from the data base based on the document identifier information matched in a document read process. In processing a document display, the matching information are embedded in the structured document based on the matching strings position information, and a structured document for display with highlight information added thereto is generated and displayed. A document is searched from which the element information constituting a stumbling block to the search is removed, and the result of search is displayed with highlight information added to the original structured document.

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